

BACKGROUND SCREENING INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Background Screening and Investigations Unit (BSIU) provides information on substantiated findings of child abuse and neglect to a variety of agencies and organizations that have the responsibility/supervision of children. This information is provided so that the agency/organization can assess if their employee is appropriate to be caring for children. Information may also be requested by parents and legal guardians on prospective childcare providers for their children.

In FY04, BSIU processed 148, 227 requests for Child Abuse/Neglect screenings.

In 2004, the Children's Division began more extensive background screenings on its resource families licensed by the Children's Division and its contractors by requiring every adult in the home to submit fingerprints to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the FBI. BSIU staff is responsible for processing the Applicant cards and generating the responses from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the FBI back to the appropriate office.